ONIDEKA! KEITA YATERA PRESENTS

THE MEDIA CAN GET ALL SORTS OF THINGS AT TIMES LIKE THIS.
HEH HEH HEH.
WAIT, HOW DID WE EVEN GET SUCH GOOD ROOMS WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON?
CAN WE REALLY STAY IN SUCH A FANCY HOTEL?
WE'VE STILL GOT THREE PEOPLE IN A TWO-PERSON ROOM, THOUGH.
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CHAPTER 23: WHO IS YOUR "BOYFRIEND," KIRYUIN?

YOU CAN STILL SEE HER FROM HERE...

DAMN IT, ISN'T THIS HOTEL SUPPOSED TO BE FLEXIBLE!?
JAPANESE...?
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I'VE STAYED HERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS PLENTY OF TIMES!!
I'LL EVEN SHARE A ROOM IF I HAVE TO!!
I'M GONNA GO TAKE A WALK.
DINNER'S AT SIX.

SUMOMO'S BROTHER...!?
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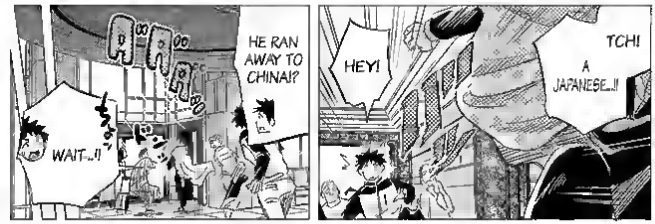
HE RAN AWAY TO CHINA!?
WAIT...!!
HEY!
TCH!
A JAPANESE...!!

AH!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!!
THERE! OVER HERE!!

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BE CAREFUL!! SHE MIGHT GET BIG AGAIN!!
IT'S ONE OF THE TWINS!!
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A... AH...
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DOES IT LOOK LIKE THERE'S MORE OF THEM NOW?
IT'S HER BODY-GUARDS
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KIRYUUIIN!!

THE... OLDER TWIN...!?
!?
WE'VE CAPTURED THE COWARD WHO TRIED TO OVERTHROW YOU!!
REJOICE, KIRYUIN!!!

GAH!!
BEG FORGIVENESS FROM KIRYUIN FOR YOUR SINS!!

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD MAKE YOU HAPPY...
BUT SHE'S YOUR ENEMY!!
I'M NOT SURE I THINK!!
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STOP IT!!
GH...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YES!?
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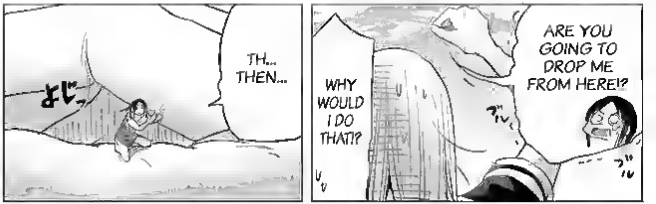
AIYAAA!!


TH... THEN...
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WHY WOULD I DO THAT!?
ARE YOU GOING TO DROP ME FROM HERE!?

WHAT, YOU DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT?
YOU AREN'T PLANNING ON HELPING ME, ARE YOU!?

YOU CAN'T GROW BIG ANYMORE, CAN YOU?
HUH?
..! GUESS
I GAVE MY POWER TO MY SISTER...

I THINK THE CHINESE ARMY TOOK HER..
AFTER I HIT HER, SHE BECAME SMALL LIKE YOU
IS HATORA, SAFE, YES..?
IS SHE ALIVE..?
IS MY SISTER...

WONDER IF I SHOULD TRY AND HELP MOVE ALL THIS RUBBLE.
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SO YOU REALLY CAN'T GROW BIG?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
I SEE, YES..

IF THERE WERE SOMEONE ELSE BIG LIKE ME..
REBUILDING ALL THIS WOULD BE A LOT EASIER
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It's half my fault
WELL... YEAH, I GUESS
ARE YOU GOING TO HELP REBUILD ALL THIS!?

MY SISTER SAID SO!!
HUH?
BUT YOU ARE AN EVIL JAPANESE, YES..?

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I JUST WANT TO TALK!!
SUMOMO'S BROTHER!!

BUT I CAN'T LET MYSELF BE CAUGHT YET!!
AND I'M GOING TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I DID!!
I KNOW I'M A WANTED MAN IN JAPAN!!

I MET YOUR SISTER!!
IS SUMOMO
IS MY SISTER SAFE!?
NURSE
YEAH, SHE'S FINE!! SHE'S EVEN PLAYING DRESSUP!!
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DRESSUP!? WHY!?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!? I HAVE NO CLUE WHY SHE DOES ANYTHING!!
DON'T RUN INTO THE STREET!!
HUH!?
HUH!?
SUMOMO'S BOYFRIEND!?
WAIT, ARE YOU
HAH!! YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT TO TRY AND CATCH ME!!
YES I WOULD! I BELIEVE YOU!!
YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU THAT WAS ALL AN ALIEN'S DOING!!
NO!! NO, BUT . !!
YOU'RE NOT STILL TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD WITH LAUGHTER, ARE YOU!?
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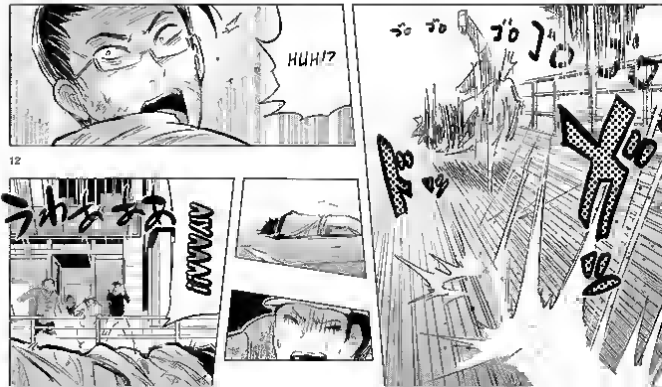
HUH!?
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SOMEONE GOT RUN OVER!!
HE JUST WENT FLYING!!
HE MUST HAVE DIED INSTANTLY!!
THAT WASN'T MY FAULT!! HE JUST RAN INTO THE STREET!!
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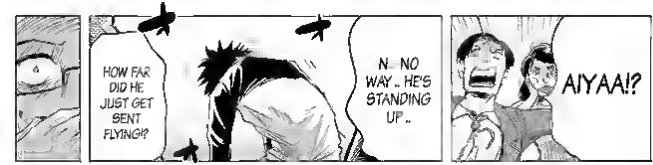
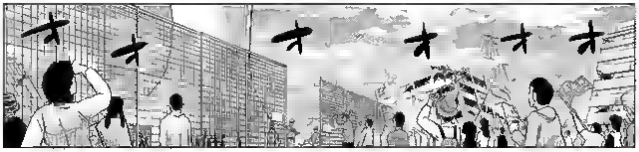

HOW FAR DID HE JUST GET BENT FLYING?
N... NO WAY.. HE'S STANDING UP..
AIYAA!?

UH, SORRY
FORGOT TO LOOK WHERE I WAS GOING
OWW...

HUH?

Hahahaha!!
Ha...
LISTEN TO ME!!
AN IRON MAN!!
AN IRON MAN!!
HEY, MOVE!!
WH... WHAT...?

WHY WOULD I CALL YOU THAT!?
JUST CALL ME BROTHER!!
I CAN LEAVE SUMOMO TO YOU!!
I GET IT!



NOW WHO'S THAT...?
KOTORA...?

PLEASE GIVE KOTORA TO US!
PLEASE GIVE THE OLDER TWIN
KIRYUIN!!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND CHINESE.
ARE... ARE YOU PLAYING DUMB!?
THOSE TWINS ARE TO BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT!!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TELL KIRYUIN WHAT TO DO!?
WE HAVE PROOF THAT YOU HAVE KOTORA!!

IT'S OKAY
I STILL NEED TO TALK TO YOU
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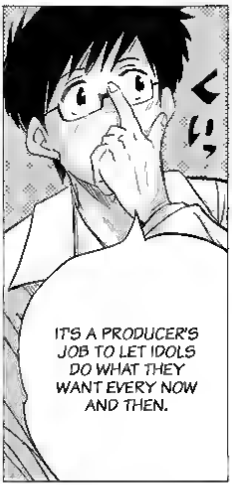
IF YOU FIND THE OLDER TWIN,
PLEASE LET US KNOW!!
WE'LL TALK TO THEM.

KIRYUIN.

OKAY, THANKS, DOCTOR.
DOCTOR SENBA, IS THIS OKAY?
IS WHAT OKAY?
W... WELL...

I... IDOLS?
HEH HEH


IT'S A PRODUCER'S JOB TO LET IDOLS DO WHAT THEY WANT EVERY NOW AND THEN.

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HUH?
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SENBA IS YOUR "BOYFRIEND," YES!?
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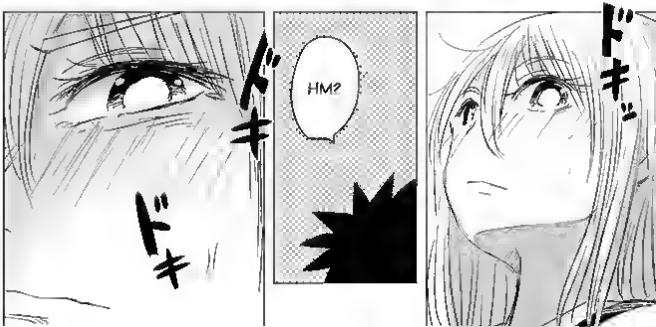
WHO IS YOUR "BOYFRIEND," KIRYUIN?
He's too old
NO, YES?
NO WAY, HE'S NOT MY TYPE...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"YOU DON'T HAVE A BOY-FRIEND!?
YET...
I DON'T... HAVE A BOY-FRIEND...

I READ IN A MANGA, YES?
MAYBE I REALLY SHOULD GIVE YOU TO THE CHINESE ARMY!!

UM, NO?
ALL JAPANESE GIRLS HAVE "BOYFRIENDS," YES?

THERE WERE SOME JAPANESE MANGA WITH THEM.
OUR TEACHER SOMETIMES BROUGHT USED BOOKS BACK FROM TOWN WITH HIM
LITTLE TIGER WOULD HAVE BEEN ANGRY IF SHE KNEW, SO I READ THEM IN SECRET, YES?

THAT THERE ARE GOOD JAPANESE AND BAD JAPANESE...

IT SAID IN A MANGA

LEND IT TO ME SOME TIME
I WANT TO READ THAT MANGA TOO.

I KNEW, YES—

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HEY,
DO YOU WANT A "BOYFRIEND," KOTORA?

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WE HAD..
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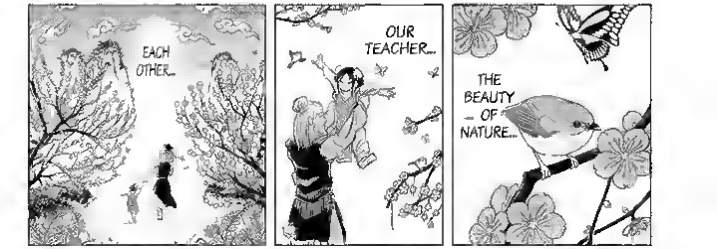
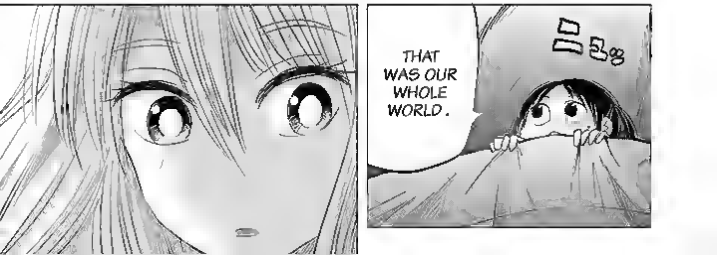
NO ONE'S FACE COMES TO MIND...?
I... I DON'T KNOW, YES?


EACH OTHER..
OUR TEACHER...
THE BEAUTY OF NATURE...


THAT WAS OUR WHOLE WORLD.
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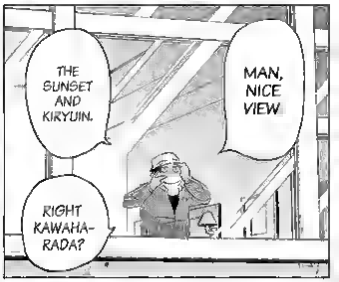
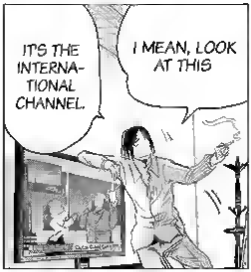
LITTLE TIGER ALWAYS SAID SHE WANTED TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD, YES?
SHE NEVER SAID SHE WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN TO SHANGHAI.
BUT EVEN LIKE THIS, SEEING THE WORLD MAKES ME HAPPY.
...I'M THE SAME.
ABOUT THE WORLD YET, YES?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...
SO I STILL DON'T KNOW, YES?
ABOUT LOVE.. OR HATE...
ABOUT BOYS..
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...

I STILL...
DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...

KAWAHARADA?


MAN, NICE VIEW.
THE SUNSET AND KIRYUIN.
RIGHT KAWAHARADA?


IT'S THE INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL.
I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS

DINNER SHOULD BE GOOD, DON'T STINK UP THE ROOM.
HEY, THIS IS A NO-SMOKING ROOM.
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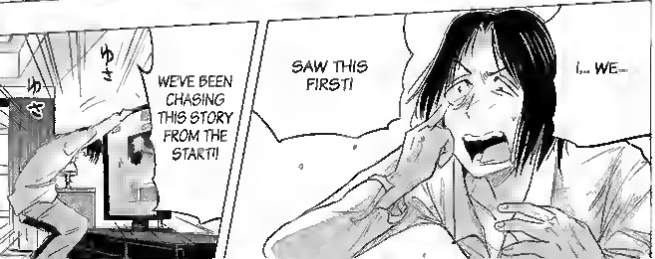
BORING

HANAO!!
HANAO...
Cutie Giant Girl KIRYUIN

HANAO-OOOO!!
HANAO!!

YEAH, THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.
UH,
THE WHOLE WORLD'S OBSESSED WITH HANAO!!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WE'VE BEEN CHASING THIS STORY FROM THE START!
SAW THIS FIRST!
I... WE-

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WHAT CAN YOU CALL THIS OTHER THAN A TRAGEDY!?
BUT NOW THE WHOLE WORLD IS AHEAD OF US...

HUH..?
RAISING AN IDOL IS OUR JOB.
WELL,

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I DON'T LIKE WHERE THIS IS GOING...
UH...
AND WHAT WOULD OUR JOB BE WITHOUT FINDING SOME SCANDAL..?

HAOCHI, HAOCHI,
SO MUCH HAOCHI ..
So good

WHY AM I HERE WITH YOU ..

HEY MISS, MORE SHAOXING-JIU!
OKAY
SIGH.

UGH, YOU REEK...

YOU SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING! PLEASE, TELL ME!!
YOU'RE SUMOMO'S BROTHER!!

I'M NOT YOUR BROTHER IN LAW!!
C'MON, SMILE, BROTHER!!

I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO BRING KIRYUIN BACK OR SOMETHING BAD'S GOING TO HAPPEN
AND EVERY-ONE'S JUST OBSESSED WITH KIRYUIN NOW...
IT'S BECAUSE OF THOSE COSMES AND CHAOS ALIENS, RIGHT!?
JAPAN AND CHINA ARE ALL MESSED UP BECAUSE OF THESE GIANT GIRLS!

YOU'RE NOT LISTENING EITHER!!
MM...

BUT SHE WOULDN'T EVEN LISTEN TO ME...

I'M LISTEN-ING...
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
IT WAS MY JOB TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE.
OH YEAH, HE WAS A POLITICIAN...
!!

WHAT WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO!?
YOU'VE GOT A CRUSH ON KIRYUIN.
SO TAKEZO..

YOU GET WHAT!?
I GET IT...
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SHE... KIRYUIN...
HAS BEEN MY FRIEND MY WHOLE LIFE.

I DON'T REALLY...

NO YOU'RE NOT!!
STOP TREATING ME LIKE YOUR BROTHER!!
BECAUSE I'M YOUR BROTHER.

I DON'T REALLY...
HIDE'S BEEN YER PAL FOREVER, BRO!!

I GET IT...
BECAUSE I'M YOUR BROTHER.

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YOUR BROTHER...
Stay out
Go away
I WAS..

BUT I DIDN'T DO A THING FOR THEM
I KNEW...

YOU'RE A HORRIBLE BROTHER!!
HEY, CAN I GET ANOTHER GLASS?
.....?

UH, WHY DON'T YOU JUST STOP DRINKING?
GETTING DRUNK OFF CHEAP SAKE.
WITH A HIGH SCHOOL KID,
AND NOW I'M IN SHANGHAI.
A HORRIBLE BROTHER.
YEAH, I'M A WANTED CRIMINAL NOW...

LAME...

WHAT!?
GIRL I LIKE... YOU.
HE—
WHAT'S A KID LIKE YOU GONNA KNOW?
YOU CAN'T EVEN TELL THE GIRL YOU LIKE THAT YOU LIKE HER.
YOU'RE JUST DRUNK.
DON'T TALK ABOUT STUFF YOU DON'T KNOW!!

HEY, TAKEZO
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO SHANGHAI TO LOOK COOL AND GOT DUMPED
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S LAME HERE!!

FORGET WHETHER I LIKE HER OR NOT, THE WORLD IS IN DANGER HERE!!
Talking really fast!

I'M NOT TRYING TO LOOK COOL!!
YEAH YOU ARE!!
NO I'M NOT!!

I...

BOYS JUST ACT LIKE THIS CAUSE THEY'RE DUMB.

SO,

WH WHAT?
SIGH

GIRLS GROW UP WAY FASTER.

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO DO ABOUT HER?
YOU SHOULD FIGURE THAT OUT YERSELF.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP HER.

DON'T REALLY...
I..

WE MADE A MESS OF OSAKA TOGETHER.
SHOULD I HAVE STOPPED HER?

"DON'T REALLY..."
"IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.."

YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME AND SUMOMO.
IF YOU SAY THAT,

GETTING DOWN ON MY HANDS AND KNEES AND ROLLING AROUND MADE ME SEE SOMETHING
BUT TAKEZO,

I PUSHED HER TO DO IT...
I'M A CRAP BROTHER.

THE VIEW FROM THE SKY IS PRETTY NICE.
BUT THE VIEW FROM THE GROUND AIN'T ANYTHING TO SNEEZE AT EITHER.

YOU'LL NEVER CATCH UP.
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YOU MIGHT LOOK LAME, BUT IF YOU DON'T KEEP RUNNING AFTER HER,

GO ROLL IN THE MUD AND CHASE AFTER HER.
YOU SHOULD DO IT TOO.

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SO.
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

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I CAN'T GET CAUGHT YET!!
H-- HEY..
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE SUMOMO!?
JAPANESE...!? SHIT...
HEY, ISN'T THAT GUY... F. OM OSAKA...

EVEN IF I LOOK LAME,
IF I DO THIS MYSELF, THERE'LL BE A WAY!!
SORRY, BUT I'VE STILL GOT STUFF TO DO BEFORE I GET CAUGHT!!

AH!!

LET'S GET DRINKS AGAIN SOME TIME, LITTLE BROTHER!

WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR THIS...!?
A glass and dash, yes!
HE JUST RAN OFF...!!

SHEESH, I THOUGHT YOU WERE LATE.
WENT OUT EATING WITHOUT ANY MONEY?

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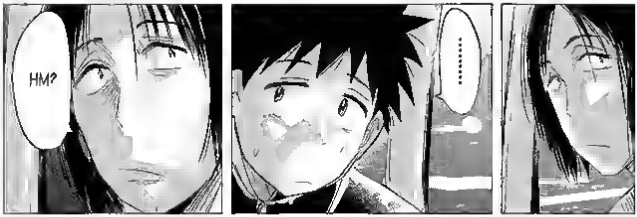
TAKEZO..
A HIGH SCHOOL KID DRINKING SHAOXING-JIU!?
AND YOU WERE ALONE!?
S.. SORRY...



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THE TWO OF YOU
ARE GOING BACK TO JAPAN EARLY.
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WHAT'S GOING ON—? WEREN'T WE GOING TO STAY HERE A FEW MORE DAYS?
YEAH.
I'M STAYING

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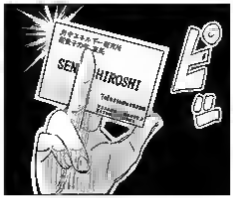
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WHAT ABOUT KIRYUIN!?

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WE'RE ADULTS.
JUST LEAVE KIRYUIN
TO THE DOCTOR AND ME.
SENBA HIROSHI

AND HE AGREED IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU HERE.
I ASKED DOCTOR SENBA,
SOUND ONLY
SO HE ASKED US TO SEND YOU BACK TO JAPAN.

THAT'S... THE CARD I GOT FROM THE DOCTOR..!!
YOU STOLE IT!?
HEY, YOU LEFT IT IN THE HOTEL ROOM

WH.. WHAT..?
THAT'S HOW IT IS

I STILL NEED...
TO GO AFTER KIRYUIN...!!

WASN'T PLANNING ON IT

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK HIM INTO IT
KAWAHA-RADA. MAYBE THIS ISN'T THE BEST IDEA.

YOU NEED INFORMATION FROM ME.
I'M PART OF THIS TOO

KAWAHARADA. YOU SAID YOU NEEDED ME, RIGHT?

RIGHT..

I'M PROBABLY ALREADY FIRED.
DOCTOR SENBA'S GOT CONNECTIONS..

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THE HELL, YOU IDIOT!?
ADULTS ARE DIRTY!!

HEH, LAME.

NOW, CAN WE PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS UNENDING DEBATE?
!?
EXCUSE ME, I JUST GOT AN URGENT PHONE CALL
!!
WELL THIS IS RARE.
WAIT, FROM MY COUNTRY TOO!?
EVERY COUNTRY IS CALLING AT ONCE!?
TEL
OH, WHAT DO THEY WANT NOW...?
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WHEN ALL IS BLANKETED IN A SILENT WHITE,

THE WORLD SHALL FINALLY KNOW PEACE.

PARDON?
BERRY-BERRY
TRENDY MODEL

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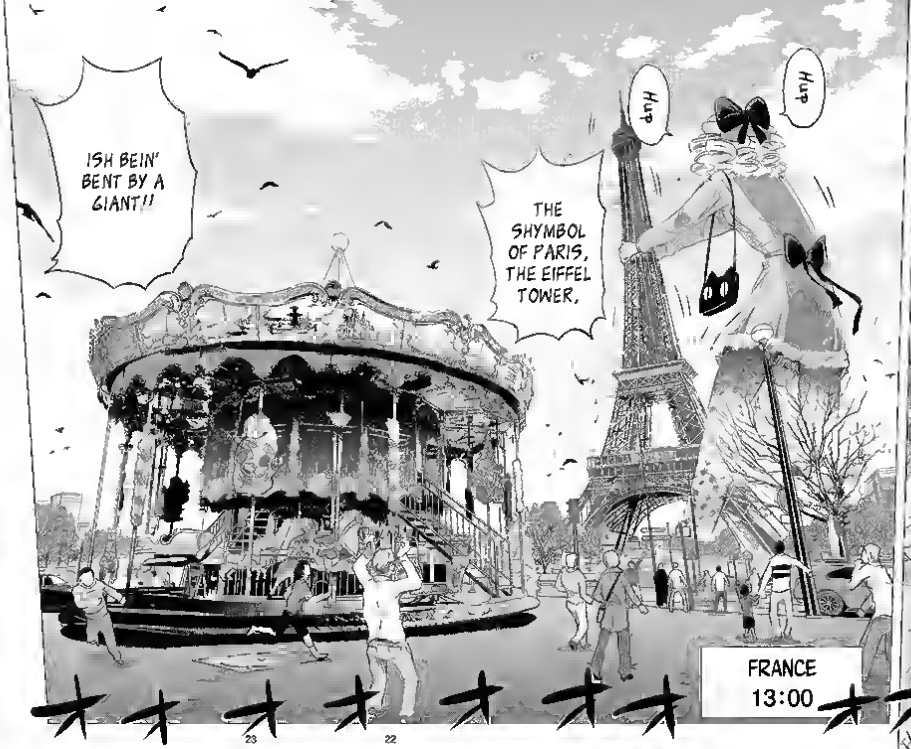
IT'SH ART!!
OUI, OUI!
IT'S ART..

I WILL SAVE THE WORLD WITH ART!!
ART WILL SAVE EVERYONE!


ISH BEIN' BENT BY A GIANT!!
THE SHYMBOL OF PARIS, THE EIFFEL TOWER,
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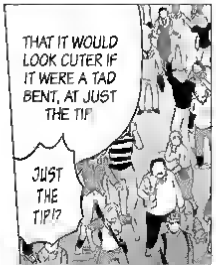
HUH
FRANCE
13:00


THAT IT WOULD LOOK CUTER IF IT WERE A TAD BENT, AT JUST THE TIP
JUST THE TIP!?

I'VE THOUGHT SINCE I WAS A CHILD
NON, NON.
DO YA THINK THISH ISH ART!?

SHEE-EEEH-HHH!!
PARIS, THE CITY OF FLOWERS!
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN THE WORLD!!

GIANT GIRLS ARE APPEARING EVERYWHERE!!
THE WHOLE WORLD...!
NO...
IN RUSSIA AND FRANCE!?
NEW GIANT GIRLS ARE APPEARING!?

CLEOPATRA
REAL NAME "GODINA"
RUNAWAY GIRL

EGYPT
14:00
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SAVITRI
HELLER OF THE POOL
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INDIA
16:00
AUSTRALIA
20:45

RILEY
UNEMPLOYED
ADVENTURER

ARE APPEARING ONE AFTER ANOTHER ACROSS THE GLOBE...
BREAKING NEWS GIANT GIRLS..
ESMERALDA
WILDCAT-STORE EYE CANDY
KENYA
SPAIN
PHAN PHAN
HIGH-CLASS HIGH SCHOOL LONE WOLF
MERYEM
GENIUS WORKSHOP EMPLOYEE
TURKEY
BRAZIL
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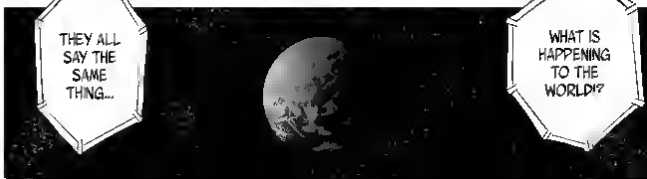
SURVIVOR OF THE REBELLION
VIETNAM
BEATRICE
ACE MIDFIELDER


THEY ALL SAY THE SAME THING...
WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE WORLD!?

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7:00
YEAAAAH
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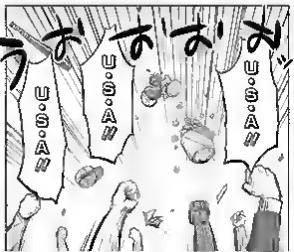
West 34th St

YAAAY!!

IT'S THEM THE NUMBER ONES
THE BABES!!
OH EM GEE!!
GOLD

USA
HANNAH HANNAH
QUEEN BEE
HEAD OF THE SCHOOL CASTE
AND THE HANNAH SISTERS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U.S.A!!
U.S.A!!
U.S.A!!

JUSTICE IS THE USA!!
WE ARE JUSTICE!!

SHANGHAI
20:00
THEY ALL SAY THE SAME THING...
THAT THEY WILL BE THE ONE TO SAVE THE WORLD...
SOMETHING HAPPEN?
ARE THEY HERE TO CAPTURE ME AGAIN!?
THE TOWN IS QUITE LOUD NOW, YES?

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE TAKEZO AGAIN?
WHY DO I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE...